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Via email: justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P. Prime Minister of Canada Langevin Building 80 Wellington Street Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister,

On behalf of the Canadian Bar Association, I am writing to extend my congratulations on forming the government. We look forward to working with you and your cabinet to convey the perspective of the legal profession on issues of mutual interest.

The CBA is a national association representing over 36,000 jurists, including lawyers, notaries, law teachers and students across Canada. Our primary objectives include improvement in the law and in the administration of justice. The CBA brings a commitment to the rule of law, access to justice and the *Charter of Rights* to the public discourse, as well as expertise on how the law touches the lives of Canadians every day.

These principles will underpin and support your government's early priorities and on key issues throughout its mandate. We can provide the unique perspective of a network of lawyers to give you, your Ministers and officials concrete analysis on the practical application of the law.

I will be writing to the Minister of Justice and to other Ministers, asking to meet with them on priority concerns and offering to work together.

Yours truly

(original letter signed by Janet M. Fuhrer)

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